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NEWS RELEASE

Defendant Joemon D. Higdon was charged today in a one count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Joemon D. Higdon	Philadelphia, PA	28 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a 15 year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Philadelphia Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffery W. Whitt.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.